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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1), applicants hereby petition the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Action dated July 12, 2005 in the above-identified application. With the extension, a response is due on or before January 12, 2006.

The Director is authorized to charge the following fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0725:

- [] \$120.00 for response within first month (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1));
- [] \$450.00 for response within second month (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2));
- [X] \$1,020.00 for response within third month (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3));

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Respectfully submitted,

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